

# The District 3 Slate

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County Supervisor Pam Slater

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Dear friends:

I am constantly encouraged and amazed at what San Diego County citizens can accomplish.

That thought was running through my mind recently during the dedication ceremonies for the Central Animal Shelter. As I toured the new shelter, I was filled with admiration at the wide range of people who had taken a problem and turned it into a point of pride.

It truly was a team effort that included elected officials from San Diego County and the City of San Diego, private individuals like Joan Kroc and Helen Copley, representatives from the San Diego Humane Society and Friends of County Animal Shelters, hard-working county staff and hundreds of volunteers.

As a County Supervisor, I have made it a priority to focus on getting the job done.

It's a pleasure to see another job crossed off the To Do list.

*Pam Slater*

## New animal shelter opens to rave reviews

A job well done.

That was the theme when Supervisor Pam Slater this month joined with elected leaders from the County and the City of San Diego to officially dedicate the new Central Animal Shelter.

During the dedication ceremony, Slater, along with San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy, San Diego Councilwoman Donna Frye and former San Diego Councilwoman Valerie Stallings spoke of how pleased they were to see the vision of a new shelter finally become a reality.

"This is wonderful. What a great day for San Diego," Slater said during the ceremony.

As a few shelter pets barked during her comments, Slater added good-naturedly, "And you can hear how pleased some the animals are about it, too."

The new \$9 million shelter, located on the same site at 5480 Gaines Street, will double the capacity of the old facility.

A new San Diego Humane Society shelter will complete an animal care and adoption compound.

The county's new shelter features individual, climate-controlled rooms that will help re-



**It's official:** From left, Valerie Stallings, Supervisor Pam Slater, Joan Kroc, San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy and Councilwoman Donna Frye celebrate the opening of the animal shelter. At back, from left, is County Supervisor Greg Cox, Encinitas Councilwoman Maggie Hollihan, and San Diego City Councilmembers Brian Mainsheim and Byron Wear.

duce the spread of disease, and it nearly doubles the capacity of the old shelter to house animals.

"The shelter is an excellent example of city and county governments working together with private individuals and organizations to solve a problem," Slater said.

The City of San Diego and the County of San Diego each contributed \$2 million to rebuild the shelter.

Philanthropist Joan Kroc and Helen Copley, publisher emer-

itus of *The San Diego Union-Tribune* also each contributed \$2 million.

Chuck and Pilar Bahder from Rancho Santa Fe made a significant financial contribution, and many other individuals contributed smaller amounts, said Slater.

Slater and Stallings in 1998 created a Blue Ribbon Committee to help replace the shelter. The County and the City agreed to build a new shelter at the existing site, and construction was nearly complete last June when an arsonist's fire struck the facility.

"But we were determined and overcame every setback we faced," Slater said.



**Pet Parade:** An animal services worker leads a dog to the new shelter.

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## Discover where to go, what to see in La Jolla

The new La Jolla Visitor Center is making a great first impression with visitors to the seaside community.

The center opened earlier this spring and is operated through the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau and Promote La Jolla, the community's business improvement district.

Supervisor Pam Slater obtained \$20,000 in county funds to help get the visitor center started.

"La Jolla offers so much for visitors to see and do," Slater said. "That's why it's one of the most frequently visited places in Southern California."

"The center will be a tremendous benefit for visit-



**Sightseer:** A recent visitor to La Jolla learns about the community's attractive characteristics.

ors, helping them with directions, getting their La Jolla trip organized and giving advice on how to get the most out of their time in the community," Slater added.

## Security panel created

The Board of Supervisors has formed a Regional Security Commission that will give advice on how best to spend money for preventing terrorism.

The commission will be made up of five members with experience in law enforcement and anti-terrorism.

Its duties will be to advise the Board and the County on homeland security issues, emphasizing its recommendations on how to spend the federal and state funds the County expects to receive for homeland security.

Supervisor Pam Slater's appointment to the commission is Larry Richman, President of Heritage Security Services.

Richman also is on a state emergency preparedness subcommittee that develops policy on preparing and responding to terrorism.

The other members of the commission include Gregory Vega, a former U.S. Attorney for the region; Capt. E.F. "Skip" Murphy of the San Diego Sheriff's Department; Mike Neil, a retired Marine brigadier general who commanded Camp Pendleton in 1991; and James McMonagle, a retired major general who commanded the 1st Marine Division.

## San Diego welcomes new shelter



**Animal friends:** An estimated crowd of 400 people listen during the dedication ceremony for the new Central Animal Shelter. Above and left, artful topiaries welcome visitors to the shelter.

## New voting system set for November

The Board of Supervisors has agreed to seek bids for a new system of counting the vote.

"Our plan is to have a new system in place by the Presidential elections of 2004," said Supervisor Pam Slater.

Last December, the Board told county staff to research the options for replacing the system. Staff has recommended an electronic, touch-screen system.

The cost to replace the system is not known yet, but much of the cost will be covered by state Proposition 41 funds, which provide \$200 million in bonds for new voting systems statewide.

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